

Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership

Background

The Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP) was established by Executive Order 2007-12 in June 2007. Staffed by the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families- Division for Substance Abuse Policy and chaired by the Governor's Policy Advisor for Health and Human Services, ASAP is composed of representatives from state government entities, federal entities and community organizations. ASAP serves as the single statewide council on substance abuse prevention, enforcement and treatment.

ASAP has five subcommittees and a Community Advisory Board. ASAP selected four Strategic Focus Areas in 2008 and four in 2009, which are addressed through Executive Action Briefings and clear action steps carried out by the member agencies. It is ASAP's mission to ensure community driven, agency supported outcomes to prevent and reduce the negative impacts of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs by building and sustaining partnerships between prevention, treatment and enforcement.

Strategic Focus Areas 2009

Prescription Drug Abuse

Underage Drinking

Drug Endangered Children

Prevention and Community Partnerships

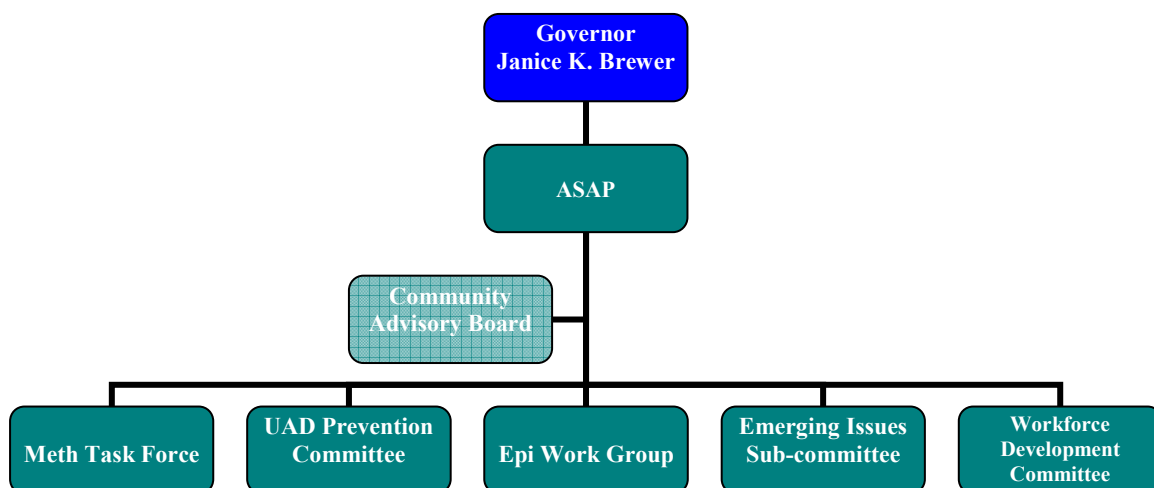
Strategic Focus Areas 2008

Child Welfare and Substance Abuse

Law Enforcement and Drug Trafficking

Data Driven Decisions in Policy Making

Emerging Trends and the State's Capacity to Respond



Outcomes

- The first Arizona Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Tribal Training Workshop was held in January and was a collaborative effort between the Governor's Office and federal and tribal entities. Since then, six additional tribal communities have partnered with the Arizona DEC Alliance to receive training. The Workshops educate tribal communities about DEC and work with tribal leaders to establish multidisciplinary DEC teams and develop DEC protocols in their communities.
- The Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group released *The Impact of Substance Abuse: A Snapshot of Arizona, 2008*.
- Implementation of environmental prevention strategies by funded community coalitions has increased substance abuse prevention activities in 53 communities in 12 Arizona counties, reaching 32% of the state's population.
- In communities with an active community substance abuse prevention coalition, AZ has seen decreases in juvenile alcohol consumption, binge drinking, drug arrests, marijuana use and meth use, and adult drug arrests.

Activities

- Ongoing DEC technical assistance is being provided to tribal communities to advance education about DEC and the creation and implementation of DEC teams and protocols.
- ASAP is working with partner organizations to pilot a prescription drug pamphlet covering disposal and safeguarding practices. This pamphlet will be distributed at select pharmacies statewide.
- The Emerging Issues Sub-Committee has released a Canary Survey to School Resource Officers to identify emerging issues they are seeing among youth in their schools.
- The Emerging Issues Sub-Committee is finalizing a Life Path Project that illustrates three typical cases of meth users in the juvenile corrections system and the various points in their lives where a government agency was involved and financially responsible for the youth.

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